

25 February 1954

Memorandum for: Mr. Roger A. Jones  
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference  
Bureau of the Budget

Subject: Medal of Freedom.

1. There is attached herewith a draft of a memorandum from the President to the Director of Central Intelligence which would authorize the Director of Central Intelligence to award the Medal of Freedom in accordance with the criteria outlined in Executive Order 10334, of 3 April 1952. This attachment has been the subject of discussions between this Agency and the Bureau of the Budget and the latter has, we understand, also discussed the matter with the Department of Justice. As a result, it was agreed that the attached memorandum would be sufficient authority for the Director to make the necessary awards if such action meets with the approval of the President.

2. This authority is requested in order that the Director of Central Intelligence may make the award of this medal to deserving individuals in the field of intelligence, with particular emphasis on members of foreign intelligence organizations who have cooperated with the intelligence service of the United States Government and whose contribution in this regard is considered to be outstanding and worthy of such an award under the standards set forth in Executive Order 10334.

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

Attachment

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cc: IG

Chairman, Honor Awards Board

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